



CITY OF LOMA LINDA

Public Works Department
25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006
5:30 P.M.**

Members Present:

Kenneth Hunt, Chairman
Bill Arnold
Don Bender
Robert Loder
Lauren Popescu
Ovidiu Popescu
Michael Stewart
Art Wall

Members Absent:

David Regalado

Staff:

T. Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director
Rolland Crawford, Division Chief/Fire Marshall
Lt. Hector Guerra, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
Lynette Arreola, Administrative Secretary

Guests

Gil Prestwood, Lewis Operating Corp.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Oral Reports/Public Participation

Art Walls thanked Staff for having the traffic signal installed at Campus St. and Prospect Ave. and the lighted pedestrian crosswalk on Anderson St. and Taylor Ct..

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Art Walls, seconded by Robert Loder and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of November 3, 2006, as submitted. Arnold, Bender, and Regalado absent.

Discussion Items

1. Pedestrian Lights at Hillcrest Ave. and Barton Rd. Pedestrian Crosswalk (Robert Sandholm)

Administrative Secretary Lynette Arreola explained that Mr. Sandholm was unable to attend the meeting, but did express concern to the safety of pedestrians at the crosswalk at Hillcrest Ave. and Barton Rd. He expressed to the City that few cars are aware of the crosswalk and are traveling at high speeds. He also noted that the shrubbery on the median needs trimming for better visibility. He requested for a pedestrian signal at that crosswalk.

Public Works Director Thaipejr performed a field investigation and saw very few people using the crosswalk. He stated that it would be too costly to install a pedestrian signal for a crosswalk that is not highly used. The option to remove the crosswalk would not be a suitable solution, either.

Chairman Hunt also did a field investigation. During his investigation, he saw approximately three people use the crosswalk.

Ovidiu Popescu suggested installing a flashing light. Public Works Director Thaipejr stated that a flashing light must be warranted. Based on the circumstances, he believed it would be difficult to warrant. He added that a flashing light would also provide a false sense of security to pedestrians. He noted that pedestrians should always enter into a crosswalk with caution, which does not always occur.

Robert Loder recommended trimming the shrubbery in the median at that crosswalk. Public Works Director Thaipejr stated that the shrubbery is regularly maintained and is not very tall. But, he would make sure the shrubbery is maintained.

Chairman Ken Hunt thanked Mr. Sandholm for his concerns; however, it was the consensus that there is no viable solution to address the issue.

Motion by Art Wall, seconded by Robert Loder, and unanimously carried to recommend that the shrubbery on the median at Hillcrest Ave. and Barton Rd. be regularly maintained. Since the Committee could not warrant a viable solution, the Committee could no longer pursue this issue any further.

2. Status Update on Public Works Projects

Public Works Director Thaipejr provided a status report on the following projects:

- The traffic signals at Campus St./Prospect Ave. and at Redlands Blvd./Richardson St. are installed. Each intersection has a countdown pedestrian signal, in which a countdown timer will display. The timer will begin counting down at 10 seconds. At the Redlands Blvd./Richardson St. traffic signal, one street name sign on the traffic signal poles was incorrect. The Contractor was in the process of correcting that.

- The lighted pedestrian crosswalk was installed at Anderson St. and Taylor Ct.
- The County awarded a contract for the construction of the Beaumont Ave. Bridge. He will be attending a pre-construction meeting next week.
- The Quiet Zone Study was completed by Wilson Company. The results of the study will be presented to the City Council at the January 10, 2006, meeting. The Committee is invited to attend.
- Mt View Ave. Bridge Widening project is moving forward. He's goal is to advertise the project for bid in March 2006.
- The City Council awarded a contract to All American Asphalt in December for the pavement rehabilitation of Richardson St. from Redlands Blvd. to the bridge crossing at the freeway. He will be holding a pre-construction meeting next week, and construction should begin in February or March.
- There are two pavement rehabilitation projects; one at Loma Vista Dr. and the other at Mt. View Ave. between Lawton Ave. to Beaumont Ave.
- City Council will be taking an action at their next meeting to award a contract for the Slurry Seal pavement rehabilitation project, Phase V.
- He has been working with the LL University on a pavement rehabilitation and street-widening project on Orange Grove St. and Academy Ave.
- Ohio St. improvements are under construction.
- There are plans to install a traffic signal at Mt. View Ave. and Mission Rd. The funding for this project will come from traffic mitigations fees. Eventually, there will also be a traffic signal installed at Mission Rd. and California St.

Discussion of future agenda items for the meeting of March 2, 2006

Public Works Director Thaipejr reminded the Committee to contact staff for future agenda items.

Committee Comments

Lt. Guerra explained that the red light cameras were installed at all four intersections. The cameras became operational Dec. 1 and went into the 30-day warning period from Dec. 5, 2005, to Jan. 9, 2006. During Dec. 1 through Jan. 1, there were a total of 2,934 violations from all four intersections. Of those, 2,111 warning citations were issued. The southbound approaches at Mt. View Ave. and Barton Rd. had the highest amount of violators with 778. The eastbound approaches at Redlands Blvd. and Anderson St. had the second highest violators with 659. He noted that the majority are right turn violations, where vehicles are not making a full complete stop before turning. He explained that vehicles must stop behind the first limit line of the crosswalk. He stated that this red light camera system is worthwhile. The resident population will be educated and their driving habits will improve. The City will see a decrease in the number of violators. He noted that a designated person from the Sheriff's Department will review each potential violation and use discretion before issuing a citation. The cost of the citation is \$352. Anyone who contests their citation can come to the Sheriff's Department in San Bernardino to view the video.

Ovidiu Popescu asked staff to check the traffic signal timer at the intersection of Redlands Blvd. and Mt. View Ave. He stated that the signals are not being triggered from the sensors even during non-peak hours. Public Works Director Thaipejr would investigate.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m. to the meeting of May 4, 2006.